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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Continued Prosecution Application of:

Ulrich STACHE et al.

Application No.: 08/897,455

Filed: July 22, 1997

**For: CORTICOID-17, 21-DICARBOXYLIC ESTERS
AND CORTICOSTEROID 17-CARBOXYLIC
ESTER 21-CARBONIC ESTERS, PROCESSES
FOR THEIR PREPARATION AND
PHARMACEUTICALS CONTAINING THESE
COMPOUNDS**

Prior Group Art Unit: 1616

Prior Examiner: B. Badio

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the filing of a Continued Prosecution Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Before examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 3-5 and 7-10 without prejudice or disclaimer and add new claims 11-22 as follows:

11. (New) A corticoid 17,21-dicarboxylic ester or corticosteroid 17-carboxylic ester 21-carboxylic ester of the formula I

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